

WAC COMPANY 8617 DU
ARLINGTON HALL STATION
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I. Facts Bearing on Problem Not Evident in Basic Communication

A. The group of buildings referred to in paragraph 1, were inspected previously by representatives of WAC and WAVE. These four buildings are normal Army two-story wooden barracks buildings constructed approximately 1940-41 period. They presently are divided into BOQ rooms and are occupied by male civilian personnel.

B. It is estimated that expensive alterations would be necessary to bring them up to desired standards.

C. In addition to the four barracks buildings, there are two other wooden buildings. One of these is a single story messhall type structure and the other, a single story administration type structure.

D. All of the buildings are located approximately three miles from the NSA Operations site. The location will place an additional burden on the services involved since it will require a 24 hour day transportation problem. This transportation is necessary since the type of personnel assigned NSA Operations are mostly shift workers.

E. Paragraph 2 of basic communication will be determined jointly by ASA and NSA. It is contemplated that a new T/D will be written which will set up the NSA portion of attached T/D under separate authorization. Information received verbally indicates a proposed T/D of 60 women operational plus adequate overhead.

F. Paragraph 3 of attached communication will be answered by ASA and will be prepared in two estimations. One estimate will be based on overhead necessary to maintain WAC personnel only. The other will be based on a proportionate number from WAC to jointly operate a combined activity of 60 WAC and 60 WAVE personnel.

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II. Problems:

A. ASA does not have authority to establish a joint company. Comdr. Cooke (NSA Mil Pers) does not feel that NSA has the authority either. Both headquarters representatives (Lt. Col. Vinci G-1 ASA and Comdr Cooke NSA) have concurred in my suggestion that this might well be staffed through the W-C Director and WAVE Chief. This suggestion was made because of the difference in maintenance and operations of female personnel in the two services.

B. It is realized that there will be many minor problems that will exist long after the inception of a joint company. However, the major problem at present is concurrences and agreements that should be obtained prior to establishment.

C. I have listed various items which I feel are important to discuss with Capt. Wilde (WAVE) and suggestions as to operation of this type of company.

1. Officer personnel necessary - one from each service with command to be rotated between services on a two or three year basis.

2. Administrative, Mess, Supply, and Transportation Cadre to be furnished on a proportionate share from each service. A rough estimate of Cadre is as follows:

- 1 First Sergeant
- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 1 Supply Sergeant
- 1 Supply Clerk to double as Mail, Company Driver
- 1 Mess Sergeant
- 1 Assistant Mess Sergeant
- 3 First Cooks
- 6 Cooks
- 4 Drivers

3. Above estimate based on location of company from working area, operation of Mess Hall on continuous basis and 24 hour day transportation. It is

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assumed, at least for WAC, that personnel records will be maintained by a central personnel office.

D. It is understood that WAVE personnel are not required to pull any type of fatigue duty (such as KP or barracks duties) if they are trained personnel. WAVE personnel with Naval Security are considered highly skilled just as W C personnel with National and Army Security; however, WAC personnel do perform these duties. It is also understood that WAVE personnel are not given duties such as drivers of vehicles. These differences in the two services should be resolved. ASA will not furnish the entire overhead personnel nor allow their women charged with all fatigue duties for both services. A desirable solution would be that neither service be charged with Kitchen Police work, but it is considered highly impracticable from Army standpoint since no funds are available for civilian labor.

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E. Perhaps a working arrangement could be established whereby WAC could ~~be furnished~~ ^{make an equitable distribution} whereby WAC could furnish all drivers and less cooks in order to make an equitable distribution.

F. All of above problems are based on occupation of the mentioned buildings with joint occupancy. In the event, the building constructed for female personnel at the NSA site was authorized by NSA for female occupancy, the drivers would not be necessary. The number of cooks could probably be cut down also, based on the fact that normally only one Mess Hall would be needed to feed all personnel (male and female of all services) for the midnight operation.

G. It is suggested that regardless where the company is housed that the differences mentioned above be resolved. ASA can then start necessary action through NSA to the Department of Defense (if necessary) in order to establish a joint company.

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